

# The BROAD AX

HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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## Dr. W. A. Bastedo, Fifty-Seven West Fifty-Eighth Street, New York City, N. Y., States in a Communication to Julius F. Taylor that He Never Gave Expression to the Idea that "Racial Characteristics" were Responsible for Booker T. Washington's Break Down, and that He is Free From Race Prejudice and Narrow-mindedness

THE REPORTERS FOR THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS COINED AND PLACED THOSE WORDS IN HIS MOUTH.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE WAS THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF THE LONG TO BE REMEMBERED WIZARD OF TUSKEGEE.

AT THE TIME HE WAS CONFINED IN A PRIVATE ROOM AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL THE PAVILLION IT WAS LOCATED IN BEING ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD.

DR. BASTEDO, DR. COLE, HEAD OF THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE HOSPITAL AND THE OTHER PHYSICIANS WHO WERE CONSULTED GAVE THEIR SERVICES WITHOUT RECOMPENSATE IN AN EFFORT TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER SPEAKS FOR ITSELF:

On the morning of Wednesday, November 10, it was flashed to all parts of the world by the Associated Press, that Booker T. Washington, the far famed founder of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama was at that time confined in a private room in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City; that he was under the medical care of Dr. W. A. Bastedo; that nervous prostration had overtaken him, in the same breath the Associated Press and the reporters for the Chicago Tribune and the other great daily newspapers proceeded in a cold blooded manner not only to stab Booker T. Washington whom they professed to dearly love and the entire Colored race in the back, by misquoting and putting false words in the mouth of Dr. Bastedo by making him loudly exclaim which was echoed all around the civilized world that "racial characteristics were largely responsible for Dr. Washington's breakdown," that these racial characteristics whatever that means was peculiar to the Colored race.

Assuming at that time that the representatives of the daily newspapers were adhering to the absolute truth in relation to the utterance of Dr. Bastedo, the following comment on his statement or interview appeared in these columns Saturday, November 13th, 1915, which was reproduced by the News-Enterprise of Shreveport, Louisiana, and widely commented upon by many of the leading Colored newspapers in the various parts of the country.

"It is to be very much regretted that White men who claim to be thoroughly educated, but who are not are placed in charge of hospitals and other public institutions who are utterly incapable of doing or discharging their duties without displaying their race prejudice and narrow-mindedness like unto Dr. Bastedo, who seems to be unable to grasp the idea, that thousands of the very best and brightest White business men in this country as well as professional men, break down from nervousness or nervous prostration long before they reach the age of fifty or sixty years and according to the theory of Dr. Bastedo, these men fall by the wayside from the effects of some terrible or dreaded disease which they inherited and which was fastened upon them by their fore-parents."

Right here the following letter which was received by the writer from Dr. Bastedo last Saturday evening and it speaks for itself.

W. A. Bastedo, M. D., 57 West Fifty-eighth street, New York.

December 8, 1915.

Julius F. Taylor, Editor,

The Broad Ax,  
Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Sir:—

It has just come to my notice that in your paper of November 13th, in an article about Booker T. Washington, you quoted me as saying "Racial characteristics are in part responsible for

Dr. Washington's breakdown" and you follow this with remarks about race prejudice and narrow mindedness on my part.

As doubtless you now know, Dr. Washington died of Bright's disease, and I think it very unfortunate indeed that any reporter should have attached my name to any such statement as you have quoted. In the first place, Dr. Washington would not have been sent to me had I had such race prejudice and in the second, we all made a very serious endeavor to save Booker Washington for further usefulness.

He was given the best room in the private patients' pavilion at St. Luke's Hospital and this is considered one of the finest pavilions for private patients in the world. I gave my services without recompense as did Dr. Cole, the head of the Rockefeller Institute Hospital and the other physicians who were consulted.

I have no race prejudice of the kind your article inferred and I write you this letter with the feeling that it is unfair to the Negro race to have that impression go out. The reporters made me say many things that I had not thought of, but I did not know that they had charged me with enmity to the race until I saw your article.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BASTEDO.

The above is ample proof that the daily newspapers are always willing to do everything in their power to throw obstructions in the pathway of the Colored race, for if Dr. Bastedo, who is one of the most prominent M. D.'s in this country entertained prejudice against the Colored race he would not spend his valuable time in fully explaining his position in that connection to us and it is safe to say that not another Colored editor in the United States can produce a similar letter from Dr. Bastedo, which proves that fair minded White men of prominence will pay some attention to true or misleading statements which appear in the columns of Colored newspapers concerning their actions and this incident should teach the so-called sensible Colored people this one everlasting truth and that is that the vast majority of the daily newspapers are ever ready to use their great power to assist to pull them down, while on the other hand the little Colored newspapers are constantly struggling as best they can to fight their battles for them.

It is a source of great pleasure to state that after all that has been said and done in this respect that Dr. Bastedo is free from race prejudice—that he is friendly disposed towards the Colored race and that our mission on this earth is to make all the friends that possibly can be made among the best class of Whites everywhere for that race.

PHOTOPLAY ON CONSUMPTION.

"The Lone Game" will be Used in Red Cross Seal and Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.

Football, Red Cross Seals and Tuberculosis are cleverly blended into a strong romance in "The Lone Game," a motion picture produced by Thomas A. Edison for the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The picture was released on Saturday, December 11th, and will be used as an aid in the Red Cross Seal Campaign throughout the country.

"The Lone Game" is based upon a book by Thomas Crawford Galbreath, entitled "T. B. Playing the Lone Game Consumption." The leading characters in the play are: Dean Norman, a wealthy young college student and star player on the football team; Phil Proctor, a poor student who earns his living by coaching and tutoring, and Grace Proctor, Phil's sister, studying voice culture in a near-by city and being supported largely by her brother.

Dean meets Grace through a street car accident. At the hospital he finds that her brother had been his tutor in college and learns that Phil has been suffering from what his physician calls malaria, but which is later found by a specialist to be tuberculosis, induced by overwork and lack of proper food. While Grace is in the hospital, Dean, to whom she has become much attached also develops tuberculosis, brought about by neglect of a cold and living in germ-infected rooms at college. He bids Grace good-by and under most favorable circumstances, with a private car, a special nurse and every luxury money can buy, goes West to fight the disease and to play "the lone game." Phil, wrongly advised by his doctor, also starts for the West, riding by himself in a day coach, greatly weakened by his disease and with only \$20 in his pocket. When he arrives at a West-resort town, he finds that, with money gone, even though weakened by disease, he must work. He is unable to hold a job, however, and cannot secure admission to hospitals without money. The result is that he is "passed on" weaker and weaker from "town to town, until he is reduced to beggary.

Grace during this period supposes from his cheery letters that her brother is getting well. She, too, has overworked meanwhile and contracts tuberculosis, but is examined immediately at a free clinic, and is given prompt treatment in a charitable sanatorium. Here she recovers rapidly and gradually regains her lost voice.

During this time Dean, with good care and wholesome outdoor life, has been steadily improving. He had lost all trace of Grace when she went to the sanatorium until, one day, as he was riding in his automobile, a beggar fell almost in front of the machine. As they picked him up, he dropped a letter on which Dean read Grace's name and address. He recognized Phil, but all the care he could bestow came too late.

Later, restored to health, Dean finds Grace, almost well, in the free sanatorium and tells her of Phil's death. "It is for us who are saved to show others the right road to health," he says. The picture closes with a concert scene at which Grace appeals to the audience to buy Red Cross Christmas Seals for the consumptive sufferers who are "playing the lone game," followed by a scene in which Dean proposes and is accepted by Grace.

This is the sixth annual Red cross



HON. HENRY HORNER.

The humane and painstaking Judge of the Probate Court who is fast winning his way into the hearts of the people of this city and county by the fair and impartial business like manner in which he conducts the affairs of his court.

Seal picture produced by Edison in cooperation with the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

SECRET SOCIETIES AND ORDERS.  
Garden City Chapter O. E. S. Elects Officers for the New Year.

At a regular meeting of Garden City Chapter No. 33 O. E. S., the following officers were elected and installed for the new year.

Mrs. Millie Heizer, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Eva Taylor, Ass't. Matron; Mrs. Carrie Keetes, Treasurer; Mrs. Dezzie Marmon, Secretary; Mrs. Harriet Fleming, Conductress and Mrs. Fannie Calloway Ass't Conductress.

Mr. Nathan Marmon, Worthy Patron. The Retiring Matron, Mrs. Daisy Carthal was presented a beautiful Past Matrons Eastern Star pin by members of the chapter. The officers were installed by the Grand Matron and Grand Lecturer of the Order.

Mrs. Mattie Mayo was unanimously elected Most Ancient Matron of Fidelity Court, No. 22 Heroines of Jerico for the new year, Miss Hope Dunmore, Secretary, and Mrs. Lucy Harris, Treasurer. This is one of the oldest and most progressive courts of the states, and has the honor of having three Past Grand Most Ancient Matrons on the Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Connie Carl, Mrs. Louise Webb and Mrs. Ida M. Dempsey, each also having served the state as Grand Secretaries of the Order. The officers

elected will be installed by one of the Past Grand Matrons on or before St. John's day.

Mrs. Ida Palmer was advanced to Most Noble Governor in Leah Household of Ruth, No. 3608. Mrs. Osia Hayes, Worthy Recorder and Miss Emma McGowan, Treasurer.

This is one of the most active Households in the city, and although young has over one hundred members in good standing.

The Easter Lily Club meets the first and third Thursdays in Union Masonic Hall. This club is an incorporated body with over five hundred members. The assessments and dues collected, are to relieve the sick and bury the dead. The fee for uniting with this club is One Dollar.

The monthly dues is 30 cents—the five cents applied is for a nurse fund. At the death of a member One Hundred Dollars is allowed the family. After being in the club six months, a member is allowed \$4 per week for 26 weeks. Can you beat it?

THE ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.  
The Alpha Suffrage Club held a most interesting business meeting at the Reading Room, 3005 State St., Wednesday evening. The meeting consisted mostly of reports on the bazaar which was held last week at the Y. M. C. A. and plans for the work of the new year were made.

The next meeting of the Alpha Suffrage Club will be a Social at the home of Mrs. Barnett, 3234 Rhodes Av., Wednesday evening, December 29.

GREAT SIXTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST SUNDAY.

Enthusiasm at Fever Heat.

Sunday afternoon, December 19th, at 2:30 o'clock the Great Sixth Annual Essay Contest of Chicago will be held at Olivet Baptist Church, 27th & Dearborn Streets, under auspices of the Standard Literary Club; SUBJECT: "What is the Greatest Hindrance to the Advancement of the Negro in the United States of America?" PRIZES: A diamond ring and a gold watch and chain to the lady and gentleman who writes the best essay, donated by Dr. Louie Usselman, #3150 South State Street. The prizes have been on exhibition all week at the store of the donor.

This will be the grandest literary treat ever accorded the Chicago public in years. Aside from the Essays to be delivered, a short, excellent musical program will be rendered including selections by the well trained Olivet Church Choir, led by Professor W. Alfonso Johnston, and solos by Miss Edna E. Jackson and Mrs. Clara Hutchinson. Come early as the program will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock. A silver offering is expected from each person at the door.

(Teenan) Henry Jones, who is well known far and near as the genial owner and manager of the Elite No. 2, 3445 S. State street; was for the first few days of this week laid up for repairs, at his home, 6641 Evans avenue.